
Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.
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You seem to missing my point.

It isn't about him. It's about you and how you handle this.

There are more of those guys, and this WILL happen again. How will you handle it next time?

The entire crux is this: You are more than your medals. Rise above the hurt pride, lumps of metal and inevitable idiocy you will come across.

Let me share a situation I was in: I was busted down to mess duty for refusing an order to overwork my men. While there, I was put in charge of the men and ran a fairly tight ship and the men did well under my leadership but I had one bad egg who was a gang banger and didn't like the military. He disrespected me to my face in front of 100 people and I wrote him up for it. When it came before the chief in charge who was of the same race as the offender, he had both of us there and took the report and said: "I'll be sure to file this in the right place" and threw it in the trash.

Obviously, I was insulted and the entire chain of command was corrupted by this racially motivated event.

I was angry as hell and thought about drilling both of them right there.

I didn't. I went back to work and did my job and held my head high and every single one of those men who worked for me knew what had happened. They knew he had usurped command and they spent the next two months making his life a living hell in a silent rebellion against what he had done because of the respect they had for me.

At the end of my six month purgatory in the mess hall, I recieved a commendation for efficiency and leadership. He ended up in the brig for something else.

Justice will get served. the military has a way of correcting injustices that get passed over in the civilian world
